

What is claimed is:

1. A skin conditioning oil-in-water emulsion composition comprising:

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(a) about 0.001 wt. % to about 10 wt. % of at least one booster compound;

(b) about 0.001 wt. % to about 10 wt. % of a retinoid; and

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(c) a cosmetically acceptable vehicle;

wherein each constituent of the oil phase of the oil-in water emulsion has a peroxide value of less than or equal to about 12.

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2. The skin conditioning oil in water emulsion composition of claim 1 wherein the oil phase of the emulsion has a peroxide value of less than or equal to about 6.

3. A cosmetic skin care method of reducing or preventing oily skin conditions, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim 1.

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4. A cosmetic skin care method of stimulating collagen synthesis by fibroblasts in the skin, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim 1.

5. A cosmetic skin care method of treating aged, photoaged, dry, lined or wrinkled skin, the method comprising the step of applying to the skin the composition of claim 1.

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6. A cosmetic skin care method of reducing or preventing oily skin conditions as well as treating aged, photoaged, dry, lined or wrinkled skin, the method comprising the step of applying to the skin the composition of claim 1.

5 7. A skin conditioning oil-in-water emulsion composition comprising:

(a) about 0.001 wt. % to about 10 wt. % of at least two booster compounds;

(b) about 0.001 wt. % to about 10 wt. % of a retinoid; and

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(c) a cosmetically acceptable vehicle;

wherein each constituent of the oil phase of the oil-in water emulsion has a peroxide value of less than or equal to about 12.

15 8. The skin conditioning oil-in-water emulsion composition of claim 1 wherein the oil phase of the emulsion has a peroxide value of less than or equal to about 6.

9. A cosmetic skin care method of reducing or preventing oily skin conditions, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim 7.

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10. A cosmetic skin care method of stimulating collagen synthesis by fibroblasts in the skin, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim 7.

11. A cosmetic skin care method of treating aged, photoaged, dry, lined or wrinkled skin, the method comprising the step of applying to the skin the composition of claim 7.

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12. A cosmetic skin care method of reducing or preventing oily skin conditions as well as treating aged, photoaged, dry, lined or wrinkled skin, the method comprising the step of applying to the skin the composition of claim 7.

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